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Abstract

The invention relates to a method and a computer program for identification when the driver of a vehicle, in particular of a motor vehicle, is not paying attention. Methods such as these are in principle known from the prior art. The methods disclosed there admittedly evaluate the steering wheel angle in the vehicle; however, they do this only with respect to detecting any steering quiescent phase and to then deducing the presence of the driver being in an inattentive state on identification of the steering quiescent phase. In order to make it possible to make a more reliable statement on the presence of any inattentiveness by the driver, the invention proposes that a steering action following the steering quiescent phase also be observed, in addition to the steering quiescent phase.

Finally, the extent of the steering quiescent phase and of the steering action found are logically linked to one another, and the result of this logical operation is then used as a measure for the severity of the inattentiveness of the driver.

(Figure 1)